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- 1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AMBASSADOR STOESSEL'S INDEPENDENCE DAY TV ADDRESS AS RECORDED IN RUSSIAN ON VIDEOTAP JULY 3 FOR BROADCASEDURING 2100 VREMYA NEWSCAST JULY 4. TRANSLITERATION FOLLOWS BY SEPTEL. TEXT FOLLOWS:
- 2. "ON JULY 4, 1776 -- 199 YEARS AGO -- THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS BORN. OUR REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE HAS BEEN CALLED THE FIRST IN HISORY TO BE FOUGHT ENTIRELY FOR AN IDEA (DELO) -- THE IDEA OF FREEDOM. OVER OUR HISTORY OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM HAS GIVEN AMERICANS THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN FREEDOM AND IN PEACE. OUR FOREIGN POLICY IS BASED ON THE DESIRE TO PRESERVE THAT RIGHT.
- 3. "IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNIO, AS WITH ALL COUNTRIES, PEACE IS OUR FOREMOST CONCERN. TWO MONTHS AGO I PARTICIPATED IN A SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR JOINT VICTORY OVER AGGRESION. THE MEMORY OF OUR COOPERATION DURING THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SECOND WORLD WAR CAN HELP US TO COOPERATE IN PREVENTING FURTURE

WARS.

- 4. "IN THE PAST THREE YEARS WE HAVE TURNED A NEW PAGE IN OUR REPLATIONSHIP. PRESIDENT FORD HAS EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING EVEN FURTHER AND TURNING THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED LAST NOVEMBER AT VLADIVOSTOK INTO AN AGREEMENT TO SET A CEILING ON OFFENSIVE STRATEGIC WEAPONS. THUS IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MOVE QUICKLY TO A DISCUSSION OF HOW WE CAN REDUCE THOSE WEAPONS. THIS IS THE MOST URGENT TASK BEFORE US.
- 5. "OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE ALSO MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN BROADENING THE AREAS OF BILATERAL COOPERATION. THIS PAST MONTH ALONG 36 DELEGATINS FROM THE US VISITED THE SOVIET UNION AS PART OF OUR JOINT AGREEMENTS. A SIMILAR NUMBER OF SOVIET CITIZENS VISITED THE UNITED STATES ON SUCH PROGRMS. JUST THIS WEEK 14 MEMBERS OF THE US SENATE HAVE BEEN ON AN IMPORTANT VISIT OT THE SOVIET UNION AT THE INVITATION OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR. THE NEW YORK JAZZ REPERTORAY COMPANY IS CURRENTLY IN THE SOVIET UNION TO ACQUANIT SOVIET PEOPLE WITH THE HISTROY OF AMERICAN JAZZ. IN ADDITION, THE AMERICAN EXHIBIT "TECHNOLOGY OF THE AMERICAN HOME" IS HERE IN THE SOVIET UNION. ON JULY 15, AMERICAN AND SOVIET ASTRONAUTS WILL CARRYOUT THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSION. AND THIS FALL, PRESIDENT FORD WILL WELCOME GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIFTH MEETING BETWEEN OUR LEADERS SINCE THE TURN IN OUR RELATIONS.
- 6. "HUMAN CONTACTS ON ALL LEVELS -- BETWEEN OFFICIAL AND BETWEEN ORDINARY PEOPLE -- CAN HELP US UNDERTAND EACH OTHER BETTER, AND THUS HELP BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS WHICH GREW UP DURING THE COLD WAR. THAT IS WHY MY GOVERNMENT FAVORS THE BROADEST POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF PEOPLE AND IDEAS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN THAT SPIRIT I WOULD LIKE T TRANSMIT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE SOVIET UNION WARMEST WISHES FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES ON THIS ANNIVERSAY OF AMERICA'S INDEPENDENCE.
- 7. "THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION, AND ALL THE BEST TO YOU".
- 8. POST WILL CONFIRM DELIVERY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. STOESSEL

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